



TRAFFIC AND SAFETY MANUAL

Chapter 2 - Signing 2B – Regulatory Signs

Parking Signs

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General

Signs governing the parking of vehicles cover a wide variety of regulations. General guidance for use of the signs is found in Sections 2B.34, 2B.35 and 2B.36 of the [Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#), with typical examples shown. The Iowa DOT is responsible for installation of No Parking signs on rural primary highways and primary road extensions in cities.

Rural Primary Highways

Since it is legal to park on rural primary highways except for those that are fully controlled-access facilities, No Parking signs must be erected at locations where parking should be prohibited. The signs are normally posted at locations where parking activity is taking place to the extent that a hazardous condition is caused. These locations are typically near traffic generators such as schools, roadside produce stands, restaurants or recurring special events.

In order to be effective, parking regulations as indicated by No Parking signs must be enforced. Prior to installation of No Parking signs, a law enforcement agency, either a Sheriff's office or the Iowa State Patrol, must agree that the regulation will be enforced.

The size of No Parking signs shall be 24 inches by 30 inches for two-lane highways and 48 inches by 60 inches for expressways. The typical legend is "No Parking Any Time". Special messages may be appropriate under certain conditions. When the need for the parking restriction no longer exists the signs should be removed.

It is generally not necessary to place No Parking signs on fully controlled-access facilities. It may be advisable, however, to place signs at locations where parking becomes a problem in order to assist the enforcement effort. Certain special events such as air shows or auto races may generate parking activity. Signs for the Interstate System or other freeways should be 48 inches by 60 inches in size with the legend "No Parking Any Time". Procedures for erection of No Parking signs are contained in [Iowa Administrative Rule 761-131.9\(321\)](#).

Primary Road Extensions

Parking restrictions have been placed on most primary road extensions by City Ordinances, many of which were written as provided by project agreements between the City and the Iowa DOT. Typically, the Iowa DOT is responsible for posting the No Parking signs. However, as noted in [Iowa Administrative Rule 761-150.4\(1\)](#), the department is not responsible for any regulatory parking signs which denote special regulations as may be determined by the city in cooperation with the department, and those signs which regulate parking as to time, hours and days of the week.

The size of the No Parking signs shall be 18 inches by 24 inches unless the highway section is rural in nature with a speed limit of greater than 45 M.P.H. in which case the size shall be the same as for rural primary highways.

The typical legend for No Parking signs provided and installed by the Iowa DOT is “No Parking Any Time”. No Parking signs with messages such as “No Parking Here to Corner” may be appropriate for installation by the Iowa DOT when provided for in the project agreement. An alternate to the “No Parking Here To Corner” sign is “No Parking Any Time” with an arrow pointing in the direction that the regulation is in effect. When signs with arrows are used to indicate the extent of the restricted zones, the signs should be set parallel to the line of traffic flow. The city is responsible for signs with messages such as “No Truck Parking”, “No Parking This Side” “No Parking 8:30 AM To 5:30 PM”, “One Hour Parking 9AM to 7PM” and “No Parking Loading Zone”.

The number of No Parking signs should be held to the minimum needed for enforcement of the regulation. One sign per block on each side of the street may be sufficient unless there are alley intersections, in which case two signs per block on each side may be necessary.

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